



BORIS THE SPIDER

**A Journal of Duplicitous Deings,
Raw Power, and Naked Greed**

*"Oh, what a tangled web we weave
When first we practice to deceive!"*
--Sir Walter Scott--



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FIVE GAMES START!

We managed to get five games going this time, DIPLOMACY "Boris XVII", AGE OF RENAISSANCE "The Knights Tale", 1830 "Frueh Is Back", BRITANNIA "Frisian", and STELLAR CONQUEST "Kurzon Dax". Yet we still have room for more mayhem. KREMLIN could finish next time and "Boris XVI" has entered the endgame with Turkey being eliminated and Russia on the ropes.

We'll try to start AIR BARON and maybe HISTORY OF THE WORLD time, so please confirm your interest, what optional rules you want to use, and faction name or color preference. See the website for house rules.

IMMEDIATE GAME OPENINGS:

CIRCUS MAXIMUS: The red chariot is available.

DUNE: The BGs are available. Their prediction will stand.

TITAN: The red legions are available.

Gunboat MACH: Have three signed up.

BORIS'S BULLETIN BOARD

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: "To map out a course of action and follow it to an end requires some of the same courage which a soldier needs. ---Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Note new e-addresses for Tony Rezzarday and Paul Barrett. We've updated Peter Boyum's address.

BOOS & KUDOS

The Madame Bokluc Press Excellence Award (and free issue) this month goes to Jack Shacklett for his press in "Boris XVII". Last month's award is belatedly given to Kevin Wilson for his press in "Boris XVI".

This month's Ms Nar Super-Sudsy Bomb goes to Mark Frueh for delay of three games.

PERSONAL COMMUNICATION HERE (maybe):

Deadline for most games is 1800 CST 5 DEC 03



TURKEY OUT; RUSSIA NEXT?

Peace Talks Continued

Fall 1907

XVI
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ERRATA: Russian (A Rum S AUS A Con) and (F Nwy S A Den) were impossible (not adjacent). Also Austrian (F Arg-Bulbul) failed, so Turkish A BUL lives.

MIRKWOOD: So now there are four. The question is whether Russia can hold out long enough for Austria and Italy to organize a separate front and that depends on which two units go away. F NWG could distract several German units with its threat to EDI and protects NWY, one of the critical three centers needed for German victory (the others likely being VEN, MOS).

VOTING: All proposals fail. Concessions to A/R and A/R/I are proposed.

TROOP MOVEMENTS:

Austrian A SIL retreats to BOH. German F MID retreats to IRL.

AUSTRIA (R Fisher): A Con S A Gre-Bul, F Arg Hui, A Gre-Bul, (F Smy-Agr-Insp), (A Boh-Mun), A Ser S RUS A Rum, (A Tri-Tril).

GERMANY (Anderson): A Pru S A Sil-War, (A Bur-Mun), (F Ir-Mid), A Den S A Ber-Swe, A Gas-Bre, (F Nth-Nwy), (A Mar-Spa), (A Pie-Tril), A Len-StP, A Sil-War, F Bal C A Ber-Swe, A Ber-Swe;

ITALY (Wilson): A Por-Spa, F Mid S A Por-Spa, F Wes S A Por-Spa, A Rom-Tus, F Ven H, F Lya S A Por-Spa.

RUSSIA (Fowble): A Rum S AUS A Gre-Bul, (A Fin-Swe), (F Swe-Nwy Ir-???), A Sev-Mos, A Ank S AUS A Con, (A War S AUS A Boh-Sil-Insp, r-???), F Nwy-Nwg.

TURKEY (Nichols): (A Bul-Rum), F Bla S A Bul-Rum.

Russian A WAR must retreat oib, GAL, LVN, or UKR. Russian F SWE must retreat oib or to BOT. Concessions in A/R and A/R/I are proposed.

Orders in brackets fail: CD = Civil Disorder, d = dislodged, NMR = no move received, NRR = no retreat received, nss = no such unit, NVR = no vote received, oib = off the board, otm = on the move, r-??? = must retreat somewhere, u = unordered. See map and full transcript of game on the Website.

SUPPLY CENTERS:

AUS: Bud Tri Vie Ser Gre Smy Con +Bul

(8) Build 1

GER: Ber Kle Mun Bel Den Hol Lon Far Bre Edi Lpl Mar +StP +Swe +War

(15) Build 3

ITA: Nap Rom Ven Tun Spa Por

(6) Even

RUS: Mos +StP +Swe +War Nwy Sev Rum +Ank

(5) Tear 2 *

TUR: +Ank +Bul

(0) Tear 1 = OUT

* If both Russian units r-oib, then even. If one r-oib, then Tear 1.

Due next time: Your votes on the proposals (NMR or NVR = Yes). Orders for retreats: builds / tears, and for Spring 1908 and Press.

EMBASSY BEAT

Germany to Italy: I apologized for my weak and ill-timed stab, both by e-mail and phone. I have actually had acid churning stomach upsets over it. It has even got me up at night. I REGRETTED IT. I ACTUALLY REGRETTED IT.

I'm sorry that I did it. If I could go back in time to that fateful spring turn, there would have been a army in Vienna and a fleet in Nth. and Norwegian.

But, I can't. So we play it out. I lose some centers, gain some centers. I can't. So we play it out. I lose some centers, gain some centers. Austria stabs Russia and with your centers wins the game. Yippee, Yappy and Yahhoie to Austria for winning the game. I just wish I had the late, great Kathy





Sabres Rattle Winter 1900/01

XVII
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MINAS MORGUL: Our agents have fomented things nicely. Passions are at a peak and the psychological aspects are right for a major conflagration. We need merely provide the spark. A royal assassination, severing an ear, or a runaway queen perhaps.

AUS: (Rick Copeland) A Bud, A Vie, F Tri;
ENG: (Jack Shacklett) A Lpl, F Edi, F Lon;
FRA: (Kevin Wilson) A Mar, A Par, F Bre;
GER: (Rudy Zodda) A Ber, A Mun, F Kie;
ITA: (Ron Fisher) A Rom, A Ven, F Nap;
RUS: (Dave Anderson) A Mos, A War, F Sev, F StPasc;
TUR: (Cary Nichols) A Con, A Smy, F Ank.

Orders for Spring 1901 are due next time unless at least one player wants to delay it to January.

EMBASSY BEAT

London ---Lord of the Admiralty One-eyed Jack, on behalf of His Majesty, wishes to visit all of our peacefull allies in the coming years. With the Pax Britannia on the world's oceans, many of our warships will now be conducting cruises in Northern and Southern waters for the many British citizens on holiday. We will be happy to make stops at many of your cities and let this army of tourists invade your pubs, wineries, distilleries, breweries, and eating establishments. Please contact the Admiralty for steaming schedules.

AoR

THE KNYGHTES TALE

Turn 0.7 & 1.1



Hanna bids \$3, chooses Venice.
 Butitta bids \$2, chooses Barcelona.
 Frueh & Copeland bid \$0; Frueh wins the die loss and chooses Paris. Copeland gets Genoa

Due next are your token bids for turn 1. Your new card is _____.

Game transcript and current map are on the website.

The Cast (in Tiebreak Order)

GENOA (Copeland): \$40, 1C, 2K
PARIS (Frueh): \$40, 1C, 2K
BARCELONA (Buttit): \$38, 1C, 2K
VENICE (Hanna): \$37, 1C, 2K

Byrne Caruso's skill at this game. She would stab you for 3 centers and you would laugh!!! You and Ron are the master Diplomats here not me, I have known that from the start. Even though I have been in this game since 1980. I am still learning. I just hope in our future meetings, that you do not hold this weak and ill timed stab against me. We just wind up being ((gasp)), allies or even friends. Life is too short to hold grudges. Just ask Kathy -Byrne Caruso or me.



MACHIAVELLI

Milan Bribes France!

SUMMER 1514

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Ragocisti: Milan continues to pursue diplomacy instead resorting to the brute force apparently preferred by the other regional powers. But what is the *quid pro quo* attached to that "donation"? Enquiring minds want to know. Meanwhile, there wasn't much conflict among the Powers, but the minors are being picked off, one by one.

TROOP MOVEMENTS:

AUSTRIA (Wilson, 2d): A Trent B, A Cro S T/R A Bos-Dol, F Pal S F Mes-Gon, A Carin-Mil, A Tyr S A Carin-Mil, F S Mont, F TS S F Mes-Gon, F Mes-Gon.

FRANCE (Scott, 3): 17d: A Sav-Mou, A Gen B, F Nap II, A Comò S A Salz-Tur, A Mar II, A Salz-Tur;

MILAN (Cole, 17-17d): Donates 17d to France. No units.

PAPACY (Anderson, 8d): A Pisa B, A Flo-Bol, (A Cap-Agu), (F Aqu-Bart), A Urb S A Flo-Bol.

TURKEY (McConnell, 2d): A Bos S F Dal, A Car S A Hun-Sla, (F Dal S F LA-Jom), A Rag B, A Hun-Sla, (F LA-Bart), F CM IS.

VENICE (Nichols, 15d): A Man-Cre, A Tie-Ver, F UA II, F Pad-Ven.

Autonomous: Gen(3), Luc, Man, Mon, Pio, Pisa(b), Rag(b), Sav, Sic, Trent(b).

Orders in brackets fail. b = besieged, imp = impossible, nso = not so ordered, nsu = no such unit, oth = off the board, r-??? = must retreat oth or elsewhere.

Orders for Fall 1514 are due next time. And Press. Ms Nes craves Press.

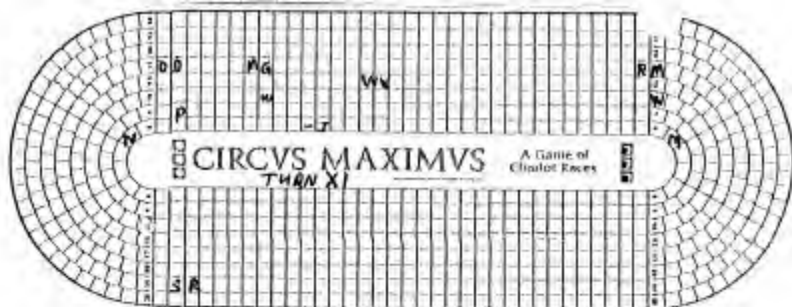
Game transcript and, if I get lucky with graphics, perhaps a game map are on the website. Got to fix my scanner again before I'll be able to get a decent scan of the conference map.

PRESS

France to GM, that was my press, the Shame, Shame, Shame. One each to Austria, Turkey, & they also can split one.



"I hate being paged at home."



LAST BETS!

Blue bets 3000s. Coronus bets 4600s and Yellow bets 3300s on Sprinticus. Yellow bets 3200s on Davidus.

THAN XI

Odds	COLOR	DRIVER (CDM/DH)	CART	Whip	Wheels	TEAM	END	Speed	D/E
4-1	Red	Rufus Magnus (+2/7)	H	Y	0/0	5324	15	16	1/2
5-1	Green	Josephis (+2/9)	L	Y	0/0	7446	05	22	1/2
6-1	Blue	Sprinticus Rex (+2/8)	L	Y	0/0	7545	11	23	1/1
8-1	Orange	Maximus Gladious (0/6)	M	Y	3/0	7436	37	21+1	1/2
21-1	Yellow	Davidus Detroit (+2/6)	L	Y	2/0	2444	16	16	1/2
120-1	Aqua	Whiplash Willie (+1/6)	M	Y	0/0	4435	08	17	1/2
	White	Minnesotus (+1/4)	W	-	-/-	3536	17	18	1/2
	Purple		W	-	-/-	6325	39	16	1/2

Davidus (Dave A): 16, whip (4, -4 END), wheel check (8, OK), Ahead 18, in 1.

Minnesotus (Kanne): NMR! M ahead 1, fails to escape (1), M ahead 1, fails to escape (1), Team: Out 1, ahead 13.

Maximus (York): 18, no whip, Wheel check (10 = OK), Ahead 18.

Josephis (R Fisher): 22, no whip, Ahead 22.

Purple Team: 16, Ahead 16.

Rufus (O'Hara): NMRI 16, no whip, Ahead 1, corner strain at 1-over (15-2 = S, -1 END), Ahead 15.

Whiplash (Zieske): 17, no whip, Ahead 17.

Sprinticus (Copeland): 23, no whip, Ahead 23.

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8-1	Orange	Maximus Gladious (0/6)	M	Y	3/0	7436	37	21	1/2
21-1	Yellow	Davidus Detroit (+2/6)	L	Y	2/0	2444	12	16	1/2
120-1	Aqua	Whiplash Willie (+1/6)	M	Y	0/0	4435	08	17	1/2
	White	Minnesotus (+1/4)	W	-	-/-	3536	17	18	1/2
	Purple		W	-	-/-	6325	39	16	1/2

See Website for map and transcript.



BRITANNIA

"Devon"

Turn XII



The Cast:

Blue: Kevin Wilson Green: Rick Copeland Purple: Rudy Zodda Red: Peter Boyum

Board

Welsh (0.5): 3A @ Powys; 2A @ Clywd, Dyfed, Gynnedd, Gynnedd; 1A @ Cornwall, Devon.

Brigantes (2.5): 3A @ Lothian, 2A @ Dunedin, Strathclyde; 1A @ Cumbria*, Galloway, Mar, Pennines.

Picts (2.5): 3A @ Dalrda; 2A @ Alban, Skye; 1A @ Hebrides.

Caledonians (1.5): 2A @ Caithness, Orkneys.

Irish (2.5): 2A @ Avalon, Cheshire, Hwicce, March.

Norsemen (0.5): 2A @ Moray, 2R @ Atlantic, Irish.

Dubliners: 2R Cumbria

Danes: 4R @ Frisian; 3R, 6A, Dnos @ North.

Jutes (2.5): 2A @ Wessex

Saxons (2.5): 2A @ Downlands, S Mercia, Sussex; Alfred @ ?

Angles (1.5): 2A @ 2A @ Bernicia, N Mercia, Norfolk, York; 1A @ Lothian.

Stoff: Red 65, Green 58.5, Blue 46, Purple 40.

Dubliners: 2R Irish-Cumbria (3.2.2 Brigante r-Galloway; Dubliners w-Irish).

Danes: 1st Wave, 4R North-York (5.6.5, 3.3.4 -2 Angles), 3A, 1 North-York-March (2+1.6+1.4+1.1, 1 -2 Irish), 1R Frisian-Kent-Sussex, 2R Frisian-Essex-Sussex (5.6.6, 3.1 -2 Saxons), 1A

North-Frisian-Suffolk, 1A North-Frisian-Essex, 1A North-Frisian-Kent.

Red: Are they the Great Danes or the Lesser Danes? Perhaps even the offspring of Taylor Daniel

Green: No Peter, it is only a Raspberry Danish!

2nd Wave, 2A, 1 March-York-Lindsey, 2A York to Lindsey (6+1.5+1.4+1.4+1.5, 2 -2 Saxons, -1 Dane), 1R North-York; 3A Sussex-Essex-S Mercia (5.2, 1.6, 1 -1 Saxon, -1 Dane, 1 Saxon r-Downlands). Score 16 tourist VPs.

Jutes (2.5): Grow 0.5 PP. Add 1A @ Wessex. 1A Wessex-Sussex

Saxons (2.5): Grow 0.5 pp. Overpopulated. Grow 1A @ Downlands. Place Alfred in Downlands, 3A, 1 Downlands-Wessex (4+1.4+1.1+1.6, 4 -2 Jutes, -1 Saxon).

Angles (1.5): Grow 4 pp. Add 1A @ ...

Stoff: Green 74.5, Red 65, Blue 46, Purple 40.

Board

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Irish (2.5): 2A @ Avalon, Cheshire, Hwicce.

Norsemen (0.5): 2A @ Moray, 2R @ Atlantic, Irish.

Dubliners: 2R Irish.

Danes: 3A, Bros @ Lindsey; 2A @ S Mercia; 1A @ Essex, Kent, March, Suffolk, York; 1R @ York.

Jutes (2.5): 1A @ Sussex

Saxons (0): 2A, Alfred @ Wessex; 1A @ Downlands.

Angles (1.5): 2A @ Bernicia, N Mercia, Norfolk; 1A @ Lothian.





BRITANNIA

"Frisian"

Claudius Chuckus Invades!



The Cast:

A (Hannal): Romans, R-Ha, Norsemen, Norwegians

B (Anderson): Welsh, Jutes, Normans

C (Buttial): Brigantes, Caledonians, Danes

D (Boyunt): Picts, Irish, Angles

E (Frueht): Belgae, Scots, Saxons, Dubliners

ROMANS: 1st Wave: 2L Channel-Wessex (2,1:1; 4,5:1 -Belgae), 3L Channel-Wessex-Downlands (6,5,5:6 -1Belg, -1L, +F), 2L English Channel-Sussex (1,6:5 -Belgae, +F), 2L Channel-Sussex-Essex (4,2:6 -1L *) 2L Channel-Sussex-Essex-S Mercia (2,1:3 **), 4L Channel-Sussex-Essex-Suffolk (5,6,6,3:6 -1 each, +F)

* Belgae may retreat to Kent

** Belgae may retreat to N Mercia

2nd Wave:

Belgae: Grow ? pp.

SCORE: A(0), B(4), C(0), D(0), E(0)

Board:

Romans (A): 3L,F @ Suffolk; 2L,F @ Downlands, S Mercia*, Ssaeex, Wessex; 1L,F @ Essex*

Belgae (E): 1A @ Essex*, Kent, Lindsey, N Mercia, Norfolk

Welsh (B): 1A @ Avalon, Clwyd, Cornwall, Devon, Dyfed, Gwent, Gwynedd, Hwice, Powys.

Brigantes (C): 1A @ Bernicia, Cheshire, Cumbria, Galloway, Lothian, March, Pennines, Strathclyde, York.

Picts (D): 1A @ Alben, Dalriada, Dunedin, Mar, Moray, Skye:

Caledonians (C): 1A @ Caithness, Hebrides, Orkneys.

Legend: A = infantry army, C = cavalry army, F = fort, L = legion or leader, pp = population point.
R = raider, r-??? = retreats to ???, w-??? = withdraws to ???. (*) = in melee, _#_ = attack by/against cav/legion

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DUNE

Turn 2 Combat-Turn 3 Spice Blow



The Board:

ATREIDES (Nichols): 5T @ Arrakeen, 5T Red Chasm, 3T Imperial Basin, 2T @ Cielago North, 6R, 1S, 2C

BENE GESSERIT (O'Hara): 1T @ Carthage, Cielago North, Tuela's Sitch, Imperial Basin, Wind Pass North, 10S, 15R, 1C

BENE TLEILAXU (Buttla): 3C, 1S, 1T @ Habbanya Ridge Sitch

FREMEN (Barrett): 5T, 2* @ Sitch Tabr, 7T @ Red Chasm, 6S, 6R, 4C

GUILD (Anderson): 6T @ Tuela's Sitch, 14R, 17S, 2C

HARKONNEN (Wilson): 10T Carthage, 10R, 5S, 6C

LANSRAAD (R Fisher): 4T @ Wind Pass North, 16R, 10S, 4C

Spice: 2S @ Cielago North, 8S @ Red Chasm

Storm: Sector 17

Tanks: Empty

TURN 2

2.4 Combat: A with 5T vs F with 7T at Red Chasm. A learns who is the Freman leader, then plays Lady J. and "Trip to Gaiant" as a weapon, no defense, 1 spice, dial 3. F plays Shadout Mapes, Lasegun, no defense, 4S, and dial 4. Lady J is killed (5S to F), and F wins 6 to 3. BT does not attempt an assassination.

2.5 Revival: F revives 3T. A revives 2T for free.

2.6 Spice Collection: F collects 6S @ Red Chasm, & A collects 2S at Cielago North.

TURN 3

3.1 Storm: The storm moves 1 to Sector 18, killing 1 4T & BG 1T @ Wind Pass North. Next Storm shift is 1.

3.2 Spice Blow: The first card is Shai-Hulud. A plays "Karama" to cancel F's immunity (F 3T to the Tanks). We have another Nexus

Due next time are your orders for the Nexus and the rest of the Spice Blow Round. Ma Nar craves Peace. Transcript and map are posted on the website.

Press:

Fremen to Landsraad alliance: Storms approach the Wind Pass will make troop deployment and movement difficult. We advised our allies in the Guild to take better weather readings but they are headstrong and we fear their skills in reading the weather patterns of Dune are confused by their navigational prescience. Take care - storm warning.

Fremen to Baron: Sitting pretty still!!

Fremen to Guild: Greeting noble ally. The Atreides have unexpectedly given battle for spice. This spice, Shai-Hulud has carried his chosen children to and he has asked that his people to exact revenge. The fight will be short and violent for these offworlders are unprepared for desert warfare. May the Atreides water run freely.



TITAN

Delayed Again!
Turn 5 Still



COMBAT: At 19: Defender, Crescent Moon; Attacker, Dagger.
At 39: Defender, Eye of Sauron; Attacker, Crown.

We hold things up for the combat results and because only one player sent Masterboard orders before the deadline.

SLAIN THUS FAR THIS TURN: Angel, Cyclops, Lion, Ogre

THE BOARD:

Brown (Fnieh), 6-4, 0 VP: Spider 140, Hourglass 140; Antlers 10, Tankard 141.
Blue (York), 6-4, 0 VP: Batman 28, Trident 28, Anchor 25, Crescent Moon 19(7).
Gold (Bargender), 6-4, 0 VP: Crown 39(7).
Red (OHara), 7-4, 112 VP: Bleeding Heart 138; Maltese Cross 42.
Green (Rezzarday), 6-4, 0 VP: Dagger 19(7); Fleur-de-Lis 134, Frog 134.
Black (Khaaz), 6-4, 0 VP: Eye of Sauron 39(7); Poison Pen 104, Spiked Die 104.

FORCE POOL: Archangels (6), Angels (13), Behemoths (18), Centaurs (9), Colossi (10), Cyclops (14), Dragons (18), Gargoyles (7), Giants (18), Gorgons (25), Griffons (18), Guardians (6), Hydra (10), Lions (24), Minotaurs (21), Ogres (11), Rangers (28), Serpents (10), Trolls (21), Unicorns (12), Warbears (21), Warlocks (4), Wyverns (18).

DEAD POOL: Centaurs(2), Cyclops(5), Gargoyles(4), Lion(1), Ogre(2).

Your Legions are:

Your Turn 6 die roll is still: ____ Current masterboard and game transcript is on the website.



Serguei/Le Monde/Paris, France
Cartoonists & Writers Syndicate

Down with the King

Assassination Succeeds!

Turns 14-15



The Cast:

D&D Anderson: Lord Jeffrey (#23 & 61), 3 IP, 25/13 PP, 12 cards, #51, #24(MC), #15, #65.
A. Bergender: Duke James (#22, MC), 16 IP, 28/20 PP, 11 cards, #52(H) #12(H) #32
Copeland: Marquise Margaret (#56), 6 IP, 39/7 PP, 12 cards, Philip, #46, #54, #31, #53, #25, #41, #44, Jane, #36, Anne, King Alan.
Fowble: Lord Robert (#10/02), 3 IP, 43/3 PP, 11 cards, #13(H), #45, #21, #11, #26, Alnery, #35, #43 #34, #33, #66, #36, Alfred.
York: Duchess Mary (#64), 1 IP, 19/3 PP, 12 cards; #63(H), #55(H), #42.

The Cabinet:

Monarch: King Alan Mt (50 Support)	Consort: <Vacant>
Navy: Lord Arthur (#36) Mt	High Minister: Duke Henry (#43) Ro
State: Earl Duncan (#34), Ro	Army: Earl Francis (#33) Ro
Trade: Duke Marley (#44), Mt	Justice: <Vacant>
Epain: Sir Donald (#21), Ro	Bezyan: Sir Michael (#15) Je
Sandarkan: Sir Guy (#12), Ja	Cronos: Lord Perceval (#41) Mt
City States: Sir Richard (#14) My	Treasury: Knight Simon (#31), Mt

Turn 14:

5. Player Turns:

Jeffrey: Drew 1 IP, Intrigue. Play "Assassinate" vs Marquise Margaret. Mary plays "Informer" to aid the deed. Assassination (8+2 = Assassination successful). Maggie's heir starts as Marquise, loses 19 PP and thus must lose 12 PP of minions.

Mary: Drew 1 IP, Any Activity. Make Duke Roland a Henchman. Roll on Craft Table (8+2 = High Quality, +3 IP & 3 PP). Propose a cure for the Monarch's ailment (5 = Monarch is pleased. +1 PP).

James: Drew 1 IP, Scandal. Roll on Literary Pursuits table (7+2 = Good Poetic Skill +1 PP), buy 2 PP with 10 IP, recruit Queen Catherine, use Scandal cheat and "Informer" on #44 Duke Marley. Sir Guy counsels the Monarch to accuse Margaret of Wrongdoing.

Robert: Drew 1 IP, Gain 1 IP. Discard "Evidence". Roll on the Fashion Table (8+2 = Elegant +3 PP), recruits John. Give the King dancing pointers at Court Ball (9 = Monarch is Pleased. Counsel Accepted. +2 PP).

Margaret: Drew 1 IP, Gain 1 IP. Pay 2 IP to make Knight Dale Justice Minister, roll on Romance table (4 = Adultery = Roll on Scandal Table 8).

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Fowble: Lord Robert (#16/62), 5 IP, 54/14 PP, 11 cards: #13(H), #45, #21, #11, #26, Almerey, #35, #43 #34, #33, #66, #36.

York: Duchess Mary (#64), 25 IP, 23/7 PP, 12 cards: #63(H), #55(H), #42(H)

1. **Player order:** Margaret, James, Mary, Robert, Jeffrey.

2. **Office:** n/a

3. **Political Problems:** Knight Dale vs Tresson & Conspiracy Trials

4. **Crown Event:** 7 = 2 Political Problems. 7 T&C Trials = n/a. 7 = n/a. 7 = n/a. 9 = Townsman Unrest (High Minister). 5 = Foreign War (Minister of the Army). 9 = War with Epslin.

5. **Player Turns:**

Due next time are Maggie's FAC/FARC jettisons, modifications to Sir Guy's T&C counsel, modifications to the two scandal rolls, and modifications to the three Political problem resolutions. If we get the jettisons early enough

Table	Table Modifiers				
	James	Jeffrey	Marge	Mary	Robert
Business Speculation	0	0	-1	0	0
Court Ball	0	0	+1	+1	+2
Craft	+2	0	0	+2	-1
Fashion	+2	+1	-1	0	+2
Literary Pursuits	+2	+2	+1	+2	0
Patronage	-1	+1	+2	0	0
Socializing	0	0	0	0	-2

Table	Counsels				
	James	Jeffrey	Marge	Mary	Robert
Court Ball	--	--	--	1,4	1,3
Foreign War	2	--	--	--	2,3
Scandal	--	--	--	--	4
Treason & Conspiracy Trials	3	--	--	--	1,3



Source of the Nile

Turn 17



The Cast:

Dan Farrow (dropped)
Ron Fisher (dropped?)
Don Chinnery

Jason Bargender
Andrew York
D&D Anderson

Published: DD12 (lake, +79 acres), DD11 (lake, +75 acres), CC11 (lake, +88 acres), AA13 (vekt, river from 1 and 4 to 2), Z14 (vekt, river from 5 to 4; cataract, waterfall is 350 feet), Z13 (vekt, river from 1 to 2) and tube 1.11 (the Mphahlele) in Z13

Press:

Dear Horis, We are going to hopefully be home to see you shortly. The canoe still works but the swamp held us up from doing much exploring. We had to turn back because of lack of provisions. It will be good to see you again. I would love to play you a game of cricket instead of having to eat them. Toodlepip, Emulous & Engentine

Positions still available for fearless explorers. Contact Alan Bargender if interested.



KREMLIN

Karrienko Tried, Acquitted!



CAST (in Table Order):

Cary Nichols: Re-Education Deployment Society (REDS), 2 cards, 2 waves
 Ron Fisher: Red Bivalve Factory (RBF), 3 cards
 Mike Scott: The California Connection (TCC), 1 card, 2 waves
 Warren "Goz" Goesle: Sneaky, Treacherous, Annoying Bastards (STAB), 2 cards
 Dave Anderson: Decaying Licentious Antiquarians (DLA), 1 card

POLITBURO:

Party Chief:	Karrienko (N)	747	REDS 8, TCC 5
KGB Head:	Doberman (L)	767	RBF 10+, REDS 9
Foreign Minister:	Schukrutov (B)	767++	DLA 6, RBF 1
Defense Minister:	Borentodev (K)	717	TCC 2, RBF 1
Ideology Chief:	Bungaloff (W)	60	TCC 10, REDS 7
Industry Minister:	Niewitko (D)	73s++	
Economy Minister:	Wasolin (Z)	50w+	RBF 5
Sport Minister:	Gofebrook (C)	74	
Candidates: IJMST	People: OPUXY		
The Wall: AFGV	Siberia: EHQR(+)		

PHASE 5.1: CURE: RBF reveals 8 IP on K. Party Chief Karrienko (N) ages 2 SP to 76 for being Party Chief and being under investigation. KGB Head Doberman (L) and Defense Minister Borentodev (K) age 1 SP to 77 and 72 respectively for being under investigation. Foreign Minister Schukrutov (B) remains at work, so ages 3 SP to 79 for being ill and under investigation. Industry Minister Niewitko (D) ages 1 SP to 74 for being ill yet in his strong job. Economy Minister Wasolin (Z) ages 2 SP to 62 for being sick in his weak job.

PHASE 5.2: PURGE: KGB Head Doberman fails to purge Party Chief Karrienko, aging 3 SP to 79.

PHASE 5.3: SPY INVESTIGATION: Defense Minister Borentodev (K) brings Party Chief Karrienko to trial. REDS reveals 8 IP on Z. N & Z vote "Innocent", L, K & W vote "Guilty". Karrienko is cleared.

PHASE 5.4: HEALTH:

Party Chief Karrienko (N) runs "15" km weekly, remains healthy.
 KGB Head Doberman (L) drinks "10" liters of vodka weekly, becomes sick (+).
 Foreign Minister Schukrutov (B) eats "10" kg of caviar and dies.
 Defense Minister Borentodev (K) takes a "20" day base inspection tour, remains healthy.
 Ideology Chief Bungaloff (W) gives an "11" hour speech, remains healthy.
 Industry Minister Niewitko (D) opens "15" new factories, remains ill.
 Economy Minister Wasolin (Z) smokes "9" black cigarettes daily, remains sick.
 Sport Minister Gofebrook (C) swims "19" laps daily, remains healthy.

PHASE 5.5: FUNERAL COMMISSION: N/A.

Due next are orders for Turn 5 Replacement through Parade Phases. Barring IP declaration or an effective card play, REDS will win next time.

POLITBURO:

Party Chief:	Karrienko (N)	767	REDS 8, TCC 5
KGB Head:	Doberman (L)	80+?	RBF 10+, REDS 9
Foreign Minister:	<Vacant>		
Defense Minister:	Borentodev (K)	72?	RBF 8, TCC 2
Ideology Chief:	Bungaloff (W)	60	TCC 10, REDS 7

Industry Minister:	Newelko (D)	74417	
Economy Minister:	Wassila (Z)	52447	REDS 6, RBF 5
Sport Minister:	Goltsbroke (C)	74	
Candidates: IJMST		People: OPUKY	
The Wall: ABPGV		Silvera: EHQJH (+)	

LEGEND: s = strong, w = weak, i = sick, + = ill, ? = under investigation, CR = card # remains as a bribe, @ = taking the Cure



FRUEH IS BACK

SR 1

FIB

PLAYER STATUS:

Zodda: \$480
Hanna: \$480
Beldue: \$480
Copeland: \$480
Zieske: \$480

2

\$80

SR 1

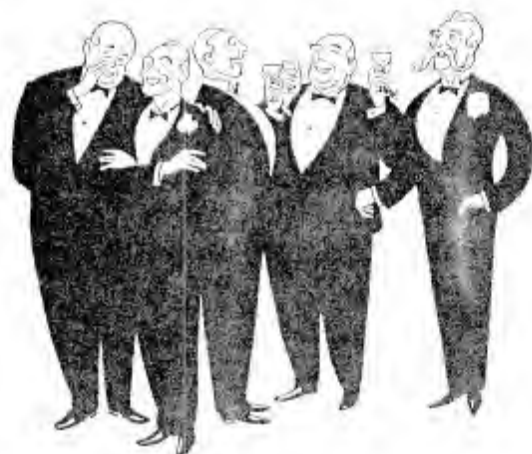
Zodda buys the SVRN 1-6201
Hanna bids \$165 on the C&A
Beldue bids \$75 on D&H
Copeland bids \$115 for the M&H
Zieske



Atlantic, 1832

PLAYER STATUS:

Zodda: \$460, SVRN
Hanna: \$315 (\$165 on C&A)
Beldue: \$405 (\$75 on D&H)
Copeland: \$365 (\$115 on M&H)
Zieske: \$430



ON DECK



1830: Frueh, Zodda, Zieske

1835: Hanna, Zieske

1856: Hanna, Frueh, Zieske

1870: Zieske, Hanna, Frueh

AIR BARON: R Fisher, Copeland, Zodda, Barrett, Zodda

BLACKBEARD: Zodda

BRITANNIA: Zieske

COLONIAL DIPLOMACY: Copeland, Nichols, Anderson, Boyum; need 3 more.

GUNSLINGER: Scott, Fowble, R Fisher; need 4 more

HISTORY OF THE WORLD: Zodda, Anderson, Wilson, Zieske

JUNTA: Copeland, Dave A, Hanna

KINGMAKER: R Fisher, Shacklett

KREMLIN: Zodda, Scott, Anderson, Barrett

MACHIAVELLI (Gunboat): Have 3.

MAGIC REALM: Bulitta, Deb A

MAHARAJA: Hanna, Zodda

MERCHANT OF VENUS: R Fisher, Deb A, Khaoz

RUSSIAN CIVIL WAR: O'Hara? Scott

SETTLERS of CATAN: K Wilson, Copeland, Zieske

SILVERTON: Zieske, Deb A

STELLAR CONQUEST: <classified>

WIZARD'S QUEST: A&J Bargender, Farrow, R Fisher, Deb A

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"Kurzon Dax": Starts now. You are Player #__. Orders for Turns 1-4 and your votes on the optional rules are due soonest. See website for House Rules.

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